

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

ROCCO ROMEO,

Defendant.  
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**ORDER**

19 CR 586 (VB)

Sentencing in this case is currently scheduled for January 6, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., in person at the Courthouse.

In light of the worsening public health crisis, the Court has suspended in-person proceedings until at least late January 2021 unless absolutely necessary. Accordingly, the Court is inclined either to adjourn the sentencing until February 2021 (or later), or to conduct the sentencing by videoconference or telephone conference. However, before rescheduling the sentencing or ordering that it be conducted remotely, the Court wishes to solicit the views of the parties as to how best to proceed.

By no later than December 11, 2020, counsel shall confer and advise the Court by joint letter whether they believe it is appropriate to adjourn the in-person sentencing until February 2021 (or later); if so, they shall propose several dates and times when all counsel are available. Counsel should keep in mind that the public health crisis may not improve, or may even worsen, in the coming months.

Counsel shall also advise whether they believe it would be appropriate to conduct the sentencing by videoconference or teleconference, which would of course require a finding pursuant to Section 15002(b)(2)(A) of the CARES Act as well as defendant's consent after consultation with counsel. If counsel believe a remote sentencing is appropriate, they shall propose a CARES Act finding and state whether defendant consents.

Dated: December 4, 2020  
White Plains, NY

SO ORDERED:



Vincent L. Briccetti  
United States District Judge